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<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><i>(Signature)</i></p> <p><i>cc: 6/24/49</i></p> <p><i>11/2/49</i></p> <p><i>RECEIVED</i></p> <p><i>R. B. /</i></p> <p><i>56 NOV 28 1949</i></p> <p><b>CAREY McWILLIAMS</b> reported to have filed "Amicus Curiae" urging Supreme Court to reverse contempt conviction of "Hollywood 10", which includes subject. Informant stated that subject invited HOWARD FAST to dinner on his recent visit to Los Angeles. Subject said he was glad to be a sponsor of PAUL ROBESON's new "Committee of Non-Partisans to Defend the Rights of the Communist Leaders." Informants advise that LAWSON was instrumental in selection of DAVID V. ROBISON, a Communist, as the new Executive Secretary of the Hollywood ASP. In a speech LAWSON made a plea for "public organized pressure" to cancel "black lists" of the Hollywood group which defied the Congressional Committee investigating Communism. Subject's name on CRC telegram to Attorney General McGRATH stated that trial and conviction of 11 Communist leaders represents invasion of constitutional rights of all Americans. In Peoples World article subject states that, "Such films as 'The Iron Curtain', 'The Red Menace' and the projected glorification of the anti-Semite, Cardinal MINDZENTY, are sufficient evidence that the Wall Street masters of the industry are moving cautiously but with conscious intent toward the use of the film for outright fascist propaganda." Executive Secretary of ASP contacted subject regarding status of So. Calif. representatives to Mexican Peace Conference. Subject's activities in League of American Writers and Hollywood Writers-Mobilization set out. Subject leaving Los Angeles, 10/22/49, to reside in N. Y. until Christmas, 1949.</p>			
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